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TUCSON MAN CHARGED WITH LYING TO INVESTIGATOR IN THE “ASPEN FIRE” INVESTIGATION

TUCSON, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced the issuance of a complaint today against Kenzo Butler, (DOB 4/30/81), of Tucson, Arizona, for providing false statements to United States Forest Services Investigators who were investigating the origin of the “Aspen Fire” that began on Mt. Lemmon on June 17, 2003. The fire destroyed approximately 335 structures (homes) and over 80,000 acres of timberland.

If convicted of providing false statements the defendant faces a fine of up to \$250,000 and up to five years in prison per count. A summons has been issued for the defendant's appearance.

The investigation that led to the complaint was conducted by Special Agents of the United States Forest Service, the Pima County Sheriff's Office, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The prosecution is being handled by James T. Lacey, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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